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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Reply To
Attn Of: ECL-113

Beverly Cook, Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
850 Energy Drive
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Subject: Dispute Resolution, Operable Unit 7-10, Extension of Dispute

Dear Ms. Cook:

This is in response to the letter dated August 6, 2001, signed by the Under Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE), Jessie Roberson, requesting of the Director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, an extension for before elevation of the dispute to the Governor, Administrator and Secretary level, pursuant to paragraph 9.2(f) of the December 1991, Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order.

We agree to this extension as it will provide DOE an opportunity to rethink its negotiating position which, hopefully, will provide all of us a better opportunity to resolve our differences and chart a productive path forward in this matter. Therefore, we concur on a dispute negotiation schedule extension until October 12, 2001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Findley", written over a horizontal line.

Charles E. Findley, Acting Regional Administrator
Region 10, Environmental Protection Agency

cc: Warren Bergholz, DOE-ID
Steve Allred, IDEQ
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